



Midwest Climate Outlook and Drought Early Warning System Kickoff Meeting

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Objectives and Desired Outcomes

DEWS Objectives:

- Provide a forum for a diverse group of federal, tribal, state, and local stakeholders that represent the water and land resource management communities, to strategize and develop appropriate, relevant, useful and readily available drought, climate, weather and water-related information.
- Develop an understanding of the existing observation and monitoring networks, data, tools, research and other planning and mitigation resources available for a drought early warning system.
- Identify the economic sector-specific and geographic needs for future monitoring, prediction, planning and information resources.

Desired Outcomes of the Midwest DEWS Kickoff Meeting:

- Increased knowledge and awareness of available data, monitoring activities and decision-support tools for drought and high precipitation events.
- Identification of economic sector specific and geographic data information needs.
- Identification of communication resources that would be most effective for conveying drought information among sectors and geographic areas.
- Recommendations for future actions, collaborative research, and decision support to improve early warning of drought in the Midwest.

